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1. The Northeast People's News (Tong Puk In Min Pon) is the principal propaganda organ for the northeast sector of Korea. It is printed in Manchuria by the North Korean government with paper, type and machinery received from the USSR. The printing plant is also a source of handbills printed in English for propaganda work against the UN forces.
2. Before the removal of MacArthur, the Northeast People's News printed a long editorial claiming that Communists in the U.S. and liberal people throughout the world would not agree with MacArthur's idea of bombing Manchuria.
3. North Korean propaganda to offset the withdrawals by the Communist armies follows the line that the North Koreans are thinking of the farmers and are retreating so they will be able to use the land to produce food. Some high-ranking North Korean leaders are talking of sending their families to Manchuria.
4. North Korean and Chinese Communist political commissars claim that Stalin knows what is happening in the world and will not lose in either war or peace.

Comment. The general public in North Korea is not affected by government propaganda. The general tendency is to disbelieve anything printed in the Northeast People's News.

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